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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 1895.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

MODERN WOODMEN—Regular meeting of Eastern Camp, M. W. A., this Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Regular meeting of the Order of the Lion Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., at the Chevalier Bayard hall, Library Block. Visiting brethren invited. Election of officers. D. McKINNEY, C. C. F. W. WISNER, K. of R. and S.

LOCAL NEWS.

SMOKE the Defender cigar. 25 ct
Ten barbers at Norman's. 26 ct

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.
BARBER friend for sale at Irwin's.

LOWERY'S Candies, received daily at Whitley's.

HOLIDAY Goods, Cut Prices, West's Drug Store.

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There is more fun for the small boy and his sled.

SELECT the Little Rose and Bouquet cigars for satisfactory smokers.

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ROGER & GELLET perfumes, full line, just received at Whitley's.

DR. L. E. COONRADT, Dentist, rooms 42 and 43, Fenton block. aug 24-dtf

BICYCLES for rent and for sale. Dodd Co., 153 Merchant street. apr 25-dtf

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FANCY Goods for Christmas Presents, Cut Prices, West's Drug Store. 233

IRWIN'S Iron Tonic Bitters cures indigestion and nervous exhaustion.

CORN huskers will have to take a back seat now till the snow melts off.

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PERSONALLY conducted excursion, via I. D. & W., to Atlanta and return, for \$18.10.

THE Grand Opera House cigars, made by Keck & Weigand, are the best in town. mar 25-dtf

Ten barbers at Norman's. 26 ct

Go to Henry Bros. bakery for all kinds of cakes, pies, etc. dec 26-dtf

A GREAT many farmers are nearly through husking corn, but very few have entirely finished.

SECOND HAND pianos and organs, in perfect condition, for sale on easy payments, at Phillips & Wood's, 326 North Water street. dec 4-d6

BUSINESS suits made to order, \$15.00. The Royal Tailors, Chicago. Room 24, second floor, Arcade Building, Chas. Richardson, Mgr. dec 2-d6

See those fine carving sets at C. L. Griswold & Co's.

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PRESCRIPTIONS carefully compounded with pure drugs and chemicals at Irwin's.

The Kimball pianos cannot be beaten for their music, their durability, or their price. That is why Phillip & Wood sell so many of them. dec 1-dw

The better the grade, the bigger the trade. The Royal Tailors, Chicago. Room 24, second floor, Arcade Building, Chas. Richardson, Mgr. dec 2-d6

The heavy winter weather has put a quietus on the western range cattle run, although it had already dwindled almost to the disappearing point.

L. A. Cass has sold the Bloomingdale daily and weekly Leader to Berne McGilroy, who recently was proprietor of the Chenoa Clipper. Consideration, \$18,000.

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR.
We have the largest and best assorted stock of leather goods in the city. Pocket books, traveling sets, chattraine bags, etc., etc. Otto E. Curtis & Bro. nov 30 d1w

The Buyers' and Merchants' Benefit Bureau saves you 4 per cent on your entire living expenses. Call upon the manager L. Chodat and learn how.

LACK of money to carry on feeding operations is given as one of the reasons why so many young pigs come to market lately. Be that as it may, the pigs come very freely, and when pigs are sold at 50 to 100 pound weight they come up in numbers without showing up in weight.

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR.
In the suit of the Citizens' National Bank vs. J. E. Eden, on trial in the circuit court at Sullivan, the bank got judgment for the full amount of its claim, \$450. Eden had had plumbing done at his hotel for a heating plant, and he gave his note for the sum of \$450. He refused to pay up at the end of a year, claiming that the work was not satisfactory, but the jury gave the bank, which had bought the note, a verdict for its claim.

Without Foundation.
The rumor "that the Illinois Central had broken ground for the new depot" is entirely without foundation. The story was probably started by some meddling, irresponsible party who recently read in the city papers of that road borrowing \$10,000,000.

Jack MURPHY was arrested by Officer Schultze on three state warrants for larceny. The complaining witness is James Murphy, father of the accused. Jack was put in the county jail last night.

LAD BARE.

Bad Places in Street Paving Exposed to Public View.

One day last week when the streets were slushy with mud and snow the street commissioner washed Lincoln square, North Main street for a block or two and parts of some other streets making them perfectly clean. He did this by means of a hose attached to hydrants, and the job was a good one. The effect was not only to make the streets perfectly clean, but it also exposed the surface of the brick pavements and brought out distinctly the defects in the pavements. These defects were of three kinds; first, that which is caused by tearing up the pavement to put in pipes or sewers; second, that which is the result of defective brick, and third, that caused by irregular and defective foundations before the pavement was laid. It was clearly noticeable that in almost every case where the pavement had been taken up for the purpose of laying pipes or sewers it was not properly replaced, leaving in some cases a hog back and in others a gutter, not only making the paving uneven, but causing unusual wear in the pavement by the jolting of loaded wagons crossing such depressions or rises in the pavement. The same results are noticeable in the case of defective brick and defective foundations. The people of Decatur are learning by experience that some radical improvements in laying brick pavement in the city is necessary. Only a short time ago the mayor vetoed an ordinance for the paving of North Main street, on the ground that it should not be attempted until the water pipes and gas pipes and such other improvements contemplated on that street had been put in.

The objection was reasonable and met the approval of the majority of the council. In the same message the mayor suggested the appointment of a committee of the council to examine the method of brick paving in other cities and the cost of the same and any other matter touching street paving that would be beneficial to the city. The council has not acted upon that suggestion but it ought to do so as it is openly claimed by some of our best business men that the brick paving now being done in many other cities is much smoother, more solid and as cheaply done as the paving in our city which shows so many defects, very frequently within a short time after it has been done and accepted by the city. It would subvert the public interest to make an examination into this, no matter what the facts are. It makes no difference how perfect the brick may be if the foundation is not solid and uniform the pavement will prove defective as the brick will be pressed down into the soft and insecure places in the foundation by heavily loaded drays, leaving a permanent defect which sooner or later will make repairs necessary. The condition observed in the pavements washed by the street superintendent reveals the fact that the day is not far distant when thousands of dollars will have to be expended in repairing pavements, which had it been laid upon secure foundations, nothing but sound brick used, and protected after it was laid, might have been avoided. It will do no one any injustice to say that hereafter the matter of permanency should be carefully considered in ordering paving.

DESPERATE SCHOOL GIRL.

Sensational Incident in Springfield Yesterday.

At Springfield yesterday Nellie Thomas the 15-year-old step daughter of Thomas McNelly, a carpenter, attempted suicide at the Edwards school because she was reduced to a lower grade. Nellie came from Petersburg some time ago with a certificate from the school there, which it was supposed would admit her to the eighth grade in the ward schools at Springfield. She was admitted to that grade in the Edwards school, but it soon became apparent that she was not ready for it. Principal Bogardus, after giving her a three months' trial, sent her back to the seventh grade.

Nellie became despondent, and yesterday told some of her schoolmates that she proposed to take her life. She exhibited a small bottle, which she said contained arsenic. The fact was communicated to the teacher and the bottle was taken from the girl. It proved to be a bottle of patent corn medicine. Nellie then drew a penknife and attempted to cut her throat. She was taken home to her mother. The girl said that her father had threatened to send her to the reform school if she did not stay in the eighth grade. The story is pronounced by her mother and neighbors a pure fabrication. A physician found the girl to be suffering from hysteria.

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A meeting of the executive committee of the Illinois Suffrage association was held yesterday at the Sherman House, Chicago. There were eight delegates appointed to attend the national convention to be held at Washington City, the last week in January. Mrs. Mary L. Haworth, of Decatur, was named as one of the delegates.

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ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

John McDougal, a Negro Laborer, Fell Six Stories at the Millikin Building.

Tough Experience in the Service Elevator—Just Escaped Alive.

This forenoon the first serious accident in the construction work occurred at the seven story Millikin bank building. It occurred in the service elevator, which moves with great rapidity, operated by steam on the signal system. John McDougal, a colored man, was the sufferer, who narrowly escaped with his life. He was on the sixth floor, preparing to move some unused plaster material. He had gone up on the elevator, and it had stopped at the sixth floor. There is an electric signal on each floor to notify the engineer when to send the elevator up or down. At the very moment when McDougal was in the act of placing plaster on the elevator to be taken to the basement, somebody, whose identity is yet unknown, gave the electric signal on the fourth floor for the elevator to descend, and it moved at once with the usual promptness. McDougal fell in the shaft on air, as the elevator that moment was going faster than he fell. A second later he struck the elevator floor, only to be hurled against the edge of the fifth, fourth, third and second floors. Most of the time on the flight to the bottom McDougal was partly in the air, and receiving hard knocks on the head. He was thrown from side to side, and half the time he could not find lodgment for his feet or hands. The elevator descended too rapidly for him to catch it and cling to it. When the elevator was stopped McDougal got the climax bump which doubled him up cruelly, but when taken out he was able to walk, and so far as could be learned there were no fractures. Dr. H. D. Heil attended him. His head is badly cut in places. It is expected that he will be able to resume work in a few days, provided he was not injured internally.

REFUSES TO ARBITRATE.

England's Reply to the Proposition of the United States.

(Special to the REPUBLICAN.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Salisbury's reply to Secretary Olney's note proposing arbitration of the contention between Great Britain and Venezuela as to boundary line between Venezuela proper and territory claimed by Great Britain, is on its way to the United States. The reply embraces a refusal to submit to arbitration any territory within the line run by Sir Robert Schomburgk in 1841, known as the Schomburgk line, regardless of the fact that Great Britain in 1844 proposed a compromise line limiting the territory marked by the Schomburgk line. This means, when reduced to a simple proposition, that Great Britain refuses to arbitrate her claim to any territory inside of a line she made herself.

Sunday School Institute.

Beginning on Thursday afternoon of next week the Sunday school workers of Decatur township will hold an institute at the Presbyterian church in this city, the meeting continuing three days. G. W. Miller, of Paris, and W. C. Pierce of Chicago, well known Sunday school workers, will be present to assist in conducting the work and the majority of those in Decatur township taking an interest in such work will be in attendance to receive instructions and give the benefit of their experience. The first meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon and that night there will be a meeting at the Baptist church. All other meetings will be held at the Presbyterian church. Friday there will be forenoon, afternoon and night meetings. Saturday there will be only afternoon and evening meetings and the institute will close with a mass meeting Sunday afternoon.

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SET FREE.

Judge Hammer Knocked Out of Insanity Verdict.

In the Mrs. Lucy A. Pifer insanity case in the county court last evening the juryman, who were Dr. Dixon, Geo. M. Danley, W. W. Foster, Mel Holmes, John Jones and Elmer Patterson brought in a verdict of guilty, but the verdict did not stick. Judge Hammer had informed himself of his power in certain cases, and he set the verdict aside, giving Mrs. Pifer her freedom. It was a long drawn out investigation with an array of witnesses on both sides. It appeared that some years ago Mrs. Pifer had been pronounced insane and sent to the asylum through the efforts of her husband. The couple have been married thirteen years and have four children, one only two years old. It appears that the married life of the couple has not been rosy and pleasant. The real trouble it is alleged rests in Pifer's lack of consideration for his wife's physical condition, and the contention growing out of the control of the children, especially the eight year old daughter.

Judge Hammer expressed the opinion that the whole proceeding was a scheme of Pifer to get rid of his wife, and he expressed regret that the jury had not taken the same view of the case as the court did, and returned a verdict of sanity so that the costs of the case could have been taxed against Pifer.

Wm. Hinton, of Asheville, father of Mrs. Pifer, was in the court room, and Judge Hammer advised him that the best thing he could do would be to take his daughter home with him and remove her from the influence of her husband. The judge expressed the opinion that if the woman was mentally unbalanced it was due to the nagging and brutal treatment of her husband, who evidently desired to get rid of her.

F. E. Pifer, the husband, who is a carpenter, says his wife came to the family home in the 1300 block on East Eldorado street last night. He says she objected to the 8-year old daughter sleeping with him as had been the custom, and that there was another new Mrs. Pifer went out doors and remained there until 10 o'clock, when she became so cold she had to come in. Pifer added that he didn't know how the trouble would turn out. He did not make any threats, seemingly being content to only make complaint.

In the county court last evening after her discharge Mrs. Pifer stated that God had given her the four children and she was going home to look after them.

THE C. E. INSTITUTE.

Closing Sessions To-Day. Lecture by Laughlin To-Night.

There was a large audience at the C. P. church last night to hear the masterful lecture on "That Boy of Yours," delivered by the eloquent R. M. Tinnen, D. D., of Lincoln. It was liberally applauded at times, and by many the address was pronounced great in pathos and humor.

Rev. J. H. Hughey led in the devotional services this morning and then the question of church extension was taken up and discussed under these heads:

"The Great Commission. Where? Who? How?" Rev. G. Willingham

"The Evangelistic Phase of Mission." Rev. T. B. McAnis.

"The Proper Relation of General Synodical, Presbyterian and City Missions." Rev. J. W. Laughlin, general superintendent.

Devotion, prayer for Illinois. Rev. W. M. Barber.

"Illinois to the Front," T. H. Penn of St. Louis.

"Strengthen the Things that Remain." Rev. J. M. Johnston.

"The Unoccupied Fields," Prof. H. M. Steidley.

TO-NIGHT.
This evening at 7:30 Rev. J. W. Laughlin, general superintendent, will deliver an address on "Our Field and Our Future." All are invited to be present.

District Deputy.
It is probable that Hon. J. J. Brown of Vandalia, grand chancellor Illinois Knights of Pythias, will appoint Mr. Ben Applegate, of Royal Lodge No. 109, Maroa, deputy grand chancellor for the district of Macon, to succeed W. P. Shade, of Cedar de Leon Lodge No. 17, Decatur, who has filled the position with general acceptability. The announcement will be made in the near future.

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The meeting of the Order of the Lion Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias, will be held this evening at Chevalier Lodge hall. Election of officers.

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The Wabash passenger from the west was over an hour late to-day.

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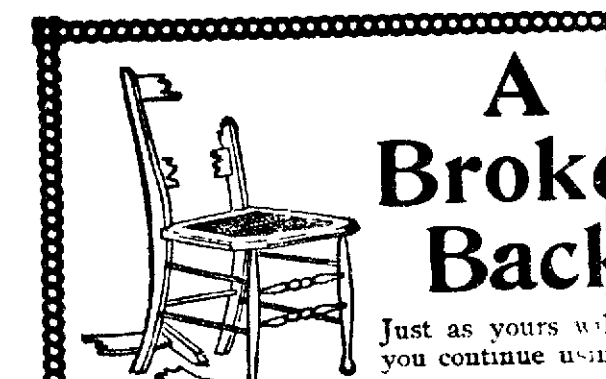
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